

Field Trip and Opportunity to Comment on the Frenchman Lake Forest Health Project, Beckwourth Ranger District, Plumas National Forest.

The Beckwourth Ranger District of the Plumas National Forest is initiating public scoping on the proposed Frenchman Lake Forest Health project. The primary objectives of this project are to: increase tree vigor, improve resistance to bark beetle attacks and promote resilience to drought, wildfire and the potential effects of climate change. The proposed activities include: mechanical thinning, hand thinning/hand piling, mastication, grapple piling, pile burning, underburning, decommissioning of non-system roads and road maintenance.

The project area is located approximately 16 miles northeast of Portola, California in Plumas County. The project area includes approximately 850 acres of National Forest System lands neighboring Frenchman Lake. The project area occupies portions of Township 24 North, Range 16 East, Sections 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, and 34; Township 24 North, Range 15 East, Section 25, MDBM.

A proposed action including a detailed map of the proposed project activities is available online at the Plumas National Forest website at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52347>

The proposed action and supporting documents are also available for review at the Beckwourth Ranger District, 23 Mohawk Road, Blairsden, CA 96013.

The public is invited to participate in a field trip on Thursday, August 31 from 10:00 to 2:00. Meet at the Big Cove Campground at 10:00 am.

Specific written comments on the proposed project should be received by **September 15, 2017** so that they can be considered early during project development and analysis. The Forest Service will consider your scoping comments to help identify issues associated with the project.

Submit electronic to: comments-pacificsouthwest-plumas-beckwourth@fs.fed.us

Comments submitted electronically must be in plain text (.txt), rich format (.rtf), Word (.doc or .docx), portable document format (.pdf), or an email message. Please include "Frenchman Lake Forest Health Project" in the subject line.

Written comments may be mailed to: Matthew Jedra, District Ranger, c/o Paul Czeszynski, Project Leader, Beckwourth Ranger District, 23 Mohawk Road, PO Box 7, Blairsden, CA 96103; by fax 530-836-0493, or delivered in person Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays.

Additional information regarding this project and field trip may be obtained by contacting Paul Czeszynski, Project Leader, at pczeszynski@fs.fed.us or (530) 836-7187.

Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is an equal opportunity provider and employer.